

Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General Washington, DC 20420

August 14, 2019

Teresa C Toriseva 1446 National Road Wheeling, WV 26003 Sent via email to: justice@torisevalaw.com

Dear Ms. Toriseva:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 13, 2019, on behalf of your client Richard Ojeda, in which you requested the following:

- The Comprehensive Report of Investigation including attachments, which was completed by RAC Thomas C. Dominski, where veteran Richard Ojeda was a victim;
- 2. "Any and all records relating to the investigation of the unauthorized access of Richard Ojeda's medical and mental health records by Jeffrey S. Miller of the Veteran's Benefits Administration (VBA) currently being prosecuted in the United States District Court of West Virginia as criminal case no. 3:19-cr-00185;
- Any and all emails Jeffrey S. Miller sent to anyone that contained reference to or included any part of Richard Ojeda's protected and confidential medical and mental health information;
- 4. Any and all emails forward, received, and replied to by Jeffrey S. Miller that contained reference to or included any part of Richard Ojeda's protected and confidential medical and mental health information;
- Any and all records relating to the identity of any person, organizations or entities solicited by Jeffrey Miller that received an offer to disclose or a completed disclosure of any of Richard Ojeda's protected and confidential medical and mental health information;



As we advise all requesters, for records protected by a confidentiality statute, regulations (see 38 C.F.R. § 1.554) require the FOIA requester's handwritten signature. For confidential records about another person, the same regulations require proof the requester is authorized to obtain the records. If your request does not satisfy these requirements, it will be denied as it pertains to such records or portions thereof.

We assigned FOIA Tracking Number 19-00529-FOIA to your request. Please refer to this number whenever communicating with OIG about your request.

We received your request on August 13, 2019. We are processing your request and our response will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Ruthle & Bellamy

Supervisory Government Information Specialist

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